

**AGENCY REQUEST FOR
A/E SELECTION
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AGENCY: Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS)

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LOCATION:
Old World Wisconsin
Eagle, Wisconsin

PROJECT REQUEST:

Request A/E services for preliminary design documents and design report for the construction of a Discovery Station at Old World Wisconsin for an estimated total cost of \$468,000 – Gift Funds.

PROJECT NUMBER: 14J1Z

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Discovery Station project at Old World Wisconsin (OWW) will consist of the siting, design and constructing a 2,800 GSF (approximate) wood framed building with a sealed concrete floor and wood shingle roof. The facility will include lobby/exhibit space, public restrooms, a small food service preparation area, and storage space to support exhibit and program operations. The design will include exterior unfinished wood boards with battens, interior wall heights ranging between 8' 0" and 10' 0", period-appropriate glass-paned windows, plumbing for sinks and an ice machine, an HVAC system, a septic system, and fire suppression in the food preparation area. The design of the building and surrounding landscape will be sympathetic to the historic context of its location in the Crossroads Village and near the Yankee historic areas of OWW. Exhibit design and fabrication, as well as equipment for the food preparation area are outside the scope of this project.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Research has shown that visitors to historic sites are receptive to orientation opportunities out on the site in the midst of the program activity, as opposed to at the beginning of the visitors' experience. To ensure that visitors have the opportunity to explore the site's historic context, a Discovery Station is needed at OWW. A Discovery Station will inform/remind visitors of the site's theme and storylines, introduce them to the Crossroads Village and Yankee areas of the site, and help to deliver a great daily visitor experience. The Discovery Station will feature interactive exhibits exploring 19th Century historic technologies and a hands-on activity area. A picnic area will be located immediately outside the Discovery Station. The facility will also provide a place with certain amenities for visitors at a key point as they make their way through the site. These offerings will include restrooms, seating, shelter, and limited food service and beverages. This project is an important component of the OWW Master Plan, and it has been fully funded through a single donor gift that was received in July 2014.

BUDGET/SCHEDULE:

Construction	\$
Design	\$
DFD Mgt.	\$
Contingency	\$
Equipment	\$
Other Fees	\$
TOTAL	\$468,000

A/E Selection	Feb. 2015
Design Report	Jun. 2015
SBC Approval	July 2015
Bid Opening	Aug. 2015
Start Construction	Sep. 2015
Substantial Completion	Feb. 2016
Final Completion	Apr. 2016

PREVIOUS ACTION:

No previous SBC action.

This project was set forth in the Historical Society's 2013-2015 Capital Budget Request.